

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-136. (canceled).

137. (previously presented) An isolated protein comprising amino acid residues 1 to 168 of SEQ ID NO:2.

138. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 137 wherein the amino acid sequence further comprises a heterologous polypeptide.

139. (previously presented) The protein of claim 137 wherein said isolated protein is glycosylated.

140. (previously presented) The protein of claim 137 wherein said isolated protein is fused to polyethylene glycol.

141. (previously presented) A protein produced by a method comprising:

- (a) expressing the protein of claim 137 by a cell; and
- (b) recovering the protein.

142. (previously presented) A composition comprising the isolated protein of claim 137 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

143. (previously presented) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) an amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA in ATCC Deposit No. 97165;

(b) an amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide, excluding the N-terminal methionine residue, encoded by the cDNA in ATCC Deposit No. 97165; and

(c) an amino acid sequence of the mature polypeptide encoded by the cDNA in ATCC Deposit No. 97165.

144. (previously presented) The protein of claim 143 which comprises amino acid sequence (a).

145. (previously presented) The protein of claim 143 which comprises amino acid sequence (b).

146. (previously presented) The protein of claim 143 which comprises amino acid sequence (c).

147. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 143 wherein the amino acid sequence further comprises a heterologous polypeptide.

148. (previously presented) The protein of claim 143 wherein said isolated protein is glycosylated.

149. (previously presented) The protein of claim 143 wherein said isolated protein is fused to polyethylene glycol.

150. (previously presented) A protein produced by a method comprising:

- (a) expressing the protein of claim 143 by a cell; and
- (b) recovering the protein.

151. (previously presented) A composition comprising the isolated protein of claim 143 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

152-186. (canceled)

187. (currently amended) An isolated protein ~~comprising~~ consisting of at least 30 contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:2.

188. (currently amended) The isolated protein of claim 187 wherein the isolated protein ~~comprises~~ consists of at least 50 contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:2.

189. (canceled).

190. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 187 wherein the amino acid sequence ~~further comprises~~ is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

191. (previously presented) The protein of claim 187 wherein said isolated protein is glycosylated.

192. (previously presented) The protein of claim 187 wherein said isolated protein is fused to polyethylene glycol.

193. (previously presented) A protein produced by a method comprising:

- (a) expressing the protein of claim 187 by a cell; and
- (b) recovering the protein.

194. (previously presented) A composition comprising the isolated protein of claim 187 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

195. (currently amended) An isolated protein ~~comprising~~ consisting of at least 30 contiguous amino acid residues encoded by the cDNA in ATCC Deposit No. 97165.

196. (currently amended) The isolated protein of claim 195 wherein the isolated protein ~~comprises~~ consists of at least 50 contiguous amino acid residues encoded by the cDNA in ATCC Deposit No. 97165.

197. (canceled)

198. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 195 wherein the amino acid sequence ~~further comprises~~ is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

199. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 195 wherein said isolated protein is glycosylated.

200. (previously presented) The isolated protein of claim 195 wherein said isolated protein is fused to polyethylene glycol.

201. (previously presented) A protein produced by a method comprising:

- (a) expressing the protein of claim 195 by a cell; and
- (b) recovering the protein.

202. (previously presented) A composition comprising the isolated protein of claim 195 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

203. (canceled)

204. (previously presented) A substantially purified polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

205. (canceled)

206. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

207. (new) The isolated protein of claim 137 wherein said protein consists of amino acid residues 1 to 168 of SEQ ID NO:2.

208. (new) The isolated protein of claim 143 wherein said protein consists of an amino acid sequence of the mature polypeptide encoded by the cDNA in ATCC Deposit No. 97165.